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# The Daily Commercial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1868.

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In proof of the ultimate figures as the market reports of the COMMERCIAL, we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Wigging List, Iron Age, and other papers of like character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is either Pig Iron, Nail, Rolling Mill, Iron Factory, Oil Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the COMMERCIAL, principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.


## CROP AND FRUIT PROSPECT.

Our friends everywhere will confer a favor by writing us briefly concerning the grain and fruit prospect, and the farming and business prospect generally. We shall be obliged for any item of local interest that may be within their knowledge.

WITH reference to Mr. STANTON going into the Treasury Department, we are assured that before Mr. CAMERON left Washington to obtain the petition of the Legislature and others at Harrisburg, asking Mr. WADE to appoint him, the distinguished War Secretary declared unequivocally that he would not accept the post. Mr. CAMERON, who had another object in procuring the petition, probably knew this.

"VETERAN OBSERVER" is sound on impeachment, especially in maintaining that the President may be impeached for general causes. This is the way he puts the case:

> Johnson is a notorious public obstruction—a stumbling-block in the way of the nation's progress. He has defied public opinion and the will of the people all the time in front of the bayonets. Must the country submit to the same insolence after the bayonets are all gone for one man? I am in favor of a decent, formal trial, going through with, and the Chief Justice put on the bench to preside over it, if necessary, with a black cap on his head, but I want it done the moment the people are ready to elect a President, and decisively. If this nation cannot get rid of a public obstruction before March, 1869, it is one of the essential attributes of sovereignty.

THE Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* comes out for keeping SEWARD, MCCULLOCH and perhaps some others of the present in the WADE Cabinet. Mr. WEED complimente the editor by telling him that in making the suggestion he "is wise above his generation;" and Mr. WEED further more expresses the opinion that "no such prudential considerations will obtain with those who are coming into power." Mind you, it is conceded that a change is close at hand. "The danger and probability is," continues Mr. WEED, "that they will take possession of an estate with feelings and habits which may dissipate it in ten months." So the outs always talk, and nothing galls Mr. WEED so much as to be among the outs. What is said of Mr. SEWARD is interesting, and we quote as follows:

> We have no reason to believe that Mr. Seward desires to be retained in the Cabinet. But if he had, or should be requested to do so, we do not see how he could refuse it, the thing would be impracticable. Seven years of the most laborious service ever rendered by any man have prostrated, he would not be permitted to act upon the theory of official duty which governs the action of the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Seward's qualifications will endure, but the time is not yet.

THE President's counsel desire to prove, by getting before the Court what he said in different conversations, that he meant no wrong, never dreamed of violence, and had no idea of violating the law. If the managers only choose to go into that sort of thing, and the Court are willing, we think it would not be difficult to prove that the President did mean to use force, if he could not otherwise gain possession of the War Department; that on more than one occasion he declared that certain laws should not be executed, and that his policy and not the policy of Congress should prevail, but the cost be what it would. All this, we fancy, it would not be difficult to prove. Even now his friends are telling how he intends to resist Congress if impeachment is sustained. He may not be responsible for all they say; if he is he deserves to be impeached for his guilty intentions; but it is not to be doubted that his shallow supporters scattered over the country, who talk about resisting Congress and volunteers to support HANCOCK in keeping the President in the White House, get their cue from him.

*Resolved*, That under the action of the State of South Carolina, heretofore taken, she occupies the position of a State out of the Union; and that the true men of that State, and as much, in present and future elections, entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Constitution and laws. Adopted, as amended, at a meeting of South Carolina Democrats, held in the city of Charleston, on the 7th day of April, 1868.

Where and by whom does the reader suppose the above resolution was adopted? We have undoubted proof that it is one of a series of resolutions adopted by the Democratic State Convention in Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, which nominated the ticket supported by the party at the election which commenced there yesterday. The attention of Democratic leaders is beseechingly invited to the language and drift of the resolution. Instead of the nonsense which we hear at the North about negro equality and negro domination, a kindly, if not a perfectly just spirit is manifested towards the negro by those who know him best. The sentiments of the resolution shame the numerous class in the North who cultivate only bitter hatred toward the negro and would refuse to recognize him as a man even. Taking this for a guide, it is not difficult to reach the conclusion that South Carolina is better disposed toward the negro than Pennsylvania and the North generally. When South Carolina Democratic Conventions deliberately put forth such sentiments, it appears to us that it is about time that all sorts of people in the North, the Democracy in particular, should gravitate themselves with a new gospel in regard to the negro.

## GONE!

The Legislature of Pennsylvania adjourned yesterday. It is probable that the terms employed to express the general appreciation of the character and acts of its immediate predecessors will adequately express all that the departing bodies deserve from the public. It was some time ago in the session that the public began to feel in regard to the acts proposed and passed—or pretended to be passed—and the proceedings in general, very much as a community sometimes comes to feel in regard to the ravages of a pestilence, after the first terror has worn off. When the pestilence has ceased, in the general thankfulness the public mind becomes almost careless as to how many or who have died. So in regard to the legislature, how many and what laws have been passed, is measurably lost sight of in view of the fact that the members have actually dispersed.

Let us pause to say, that the Legislature has given us a Registry Law, a kind of General Railroad Law, one or two wholesome laws concerning taxation and attachment, and perhaps some other good ones; but when we consider that between ten and twelve hundred laws have been spewed upon the State, that in regard to some of the laws there is no difference of opinion that they were fought through, while the fathers of others was equally purchased, all those that we can prune out into insignificance. And we hasten, too, to express the belief that notwithstanding the general conviction as to the circumstances and extent of the corruption in the Legislature, many members there are above suspicion. The pure gold is never suspected, the counterfeit only betrays its baseness.

We have no occasion for special regret, and means for the improvement of public morals, when they are productive of great good and wonderful usefulness, honor or other great results fall upon communities or individuals organized after such model as the last Legislature. Why, then, cannot there be an organized effort put forth to reform the Legislature? The question is a practical one; and we seek it in all sobriety. Is it not possible to elect a majority of incorruptible men to the two Houses? We know that all heads of the labor laugh at the idea, but the necessity, in every point of view, is equal to the magnitude of the undertaking. Who will start the ball?

## HANCOCK FOR PRESIDENT

A visit of a delegation, headed by Ex-Senator COWAN, was made to Harrisburg last week, to engage Senator WALLACE, as Chairman of the State Committee, in a renewed attempt to bring out HANCOCK for the Presidency. They say that if the vote of Pennsylvania can be obtained solid for the General, he will stand a good chance in the Convention. This new attempt proceeds mainly from President JOHNSON, who, in addition to all the other services of General HANCOCK, is particularly grateful for the activity shown by him as the executioner of Mrs. SURRATT, whom the tenant of the White House, for some unaccountable reason, wished to have dispatched with the least possible delay. Everybody remembers the part HANCOCK played in that drama. While it may furnish the best reason in the world why ANDREW JOHNSON should manifest his everlasting gratitude, it may not be equally conclusive why the Democratic party should reward the General with the nomination for the Presidency. It is a fancy of ours that perhaps Mr. COWAN's delegation and Mr. WALLACE do not have exclusive control of this matter, and will not be able, even if so disposed, to transfer the party to HANCOCK or any other favorite of the President. We think it more than likely that our neighbor of the *Post* may wish to say something about it. Even if compelled to give up PENDLETON, we question very much if HANCOCK would be acceptable as a second choice.

## THE PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS.

The deaths of Presidents HARRISON, TAYLOR and LINCOLN during their terms of office have induced us to look back upon those who have filled the two highest stations of the Republic.

General WASHINGTON was fifty-seven years of age when he accepted the office of President, and at the period of his retirement was in his sixty-sixth year, and died in his sixty-eighth year. His successor, Mr. ADAMS, who had been eight years Vice President, was in his sixty-second year, when he became President and was, of course, in his sixty-sixth year when he left office. Mr. JEFFERSON, who had been also Vice President, was fifty-eight when he became President and was sixty-six when he retired. GEORGE CLINTON succeeded AARON BURR and was re-elected with Mr. MADISON, and died in his second term, at Washington, on the 20th of April, 1812, at the advanced age of seventy two. Mr. MADISON, in his first election to the Presidency, was in his fifty-eighth year, and, of course, at the close of his last term was in his sixty-sixth year. ELBRIDGE GERRY, who was inaugurated with him, as Vice President, on the 4th of March, 1813, died the next year at the age of three-score-and-ten.

Mr. MADISON's Presidency therefore presents the singular fact that two Vice-Presidents died within two years of each other *of old age*, leaving the country for four years without a second elective officer of the Government.

Mr. MONROE, at his election in 1817, was in his fifty-ninth year, and was at the close of his administration sixty-six. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS was born on the 11th July, 1767, and of course at his inauguration, on the 4th March, 1825, was in his fifty-eighth year. Mr. CALHOUN was inaugurated as Vice-President with Mr. ADAMS, served two terms, and at their close was not fifty-one years of age. General JACKSON was nearly sixty-two years of age at his inauguration and nearly seventy when his second term ended.

Mr. VAN BUREN was in his fifty-seventh year, and his successor, General HARRISON, was sixty-eight years of age when he was inaugurated, on the 4th of March, 1841, and he died of old age one month after wards, on the 4th April, 1841. Vice President TYLER, who succeeded General HARRISON, was fifty-one years of age and served the whole Presidential term with the exception of one month. JAMES K. POLK was in his fiftieth year, and was not fifty-four when his term ended.

General TAYLOR was inaugurated in his sixty-fifth year, and died on the 9th July, 1850, in his sixty-sixth, being succeeded by Vice-President FILLMORE, who was born on the 7th January, 1800.

General PIERCE was in his forty ninth year, and the Vice-President, W. R. KING, resigned the Presidency *pro tem* of the Senate on account of ill health, on the 20th of December, 1852, went to the West Indies, and died on the 18th of April, 1853, never having been inaugurated.

Mr. BUCHANAN was sixty-five at his accession to the Presidency, and was in his seventieth year at the end of his term, which accounts for his irresolution and timidity at the close of his career, actually bordering the rebellion he should have strangled in its birth.

Mr. LINCOLN was fifty-two years of age when he took the oath of office, and fifty-six when he was assassinated.

Four out of the first five Presidents all assumed office at the ages of fifty-seven or fifty-eight, and closed their official terms of eight years each by their sixty-sixth year. Where this rule has been broken in upon, the incumbent has either had but one term or died of old age, with the exception of the hero of New Orleans, a man of extraordinary vigor of intellect and will.

By the deaths of these Presidents the country has been without an elected Vice President for nine years and a half, and adding the four years of vacancy occasioned by the deaths of the aged patriots, CLINTON and GERRY, and the four years additional caused by the death of W. R. KING, and we have the long period of seventeen years and a half during which the American people have had no person, *elected by them*, filling the second executive office in the Government.

The tendency of latter days, guided by the uncertainty of life in advanced age, is to take younger men for the two highest offices in the gift of the people, and it is particularly necessary at the present crisis, during the progress of reconstruction in the rebel States, and for the honorable and satisfactory settlement of our righteous claims on England for the pernicious piracies of the Alabama.

Our next President will be the greatest soldier of the age, a quiet, determined, modest, self reliant citizen, who will rank next to General WASHINGTON with his greatest and best predecessors, and he will be forty-seven years of age.

What shall be the age of the Vice President?

In the language of the Psalmist: "The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four-score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

## Another Railway Combination.

Railway circles and systems—long lines and strong combinations—are now the great desiderata among railway managers. Extensive schemes are laid, and plans maturing among the principal lines, for absorbing as much as possible of the carrying trade from the great producing regions of the west, to the shipping ports of the east. The latest scheme is the consolidation of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway with the Marietta and Cincinnati road, and is intended to open a Cincinnati System to the tide water at Baltimore. All other combinations heretofore made have left Cincinnati out of the line of business as regards freights north and west of that point. By this arrangement it is proposed to secure to her a portion of the great western business now passing over the more northern and more direct lines. The opening of the steamship lines for Europe, from Baltimore, makes the latter as good a port as New York or Philadelphia, for the shipment of western produce, and the distances are compared to show that the route via Cincinnati to Baltimore possesses advantages which must secure to it a large carrying trade. The spirited competition now going on among railway managers will doubtless result in benefit to the public, by cheapening transportation and increasing the facilities for moving the products of the country to profitable markets.

In this connection it is proper to remark that the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad line—the completion of which, so as to afford direct communication with Baltimore, is anticipated at an early day—is looked upon by railway managers as one of the most important connecting links between the West and the seaboard. When completed, it will form the basis of new combinations and a new system, and cannot fail to add largely to the business prosperity of Pittsburgh.

## Grain and Breadstuffs.

The accounts from the grain growing regions of this country continue favorable, and the indications all point to a full average yield. The winter grain looks unusually fine, and there can be no longer apprehensions of a spring drought, so much dreaded by farmers. The weather has been unfavorable for spring seeding, but the high price of grain is inducing farmers to plant as largely as possible, and the area devoted to cereals this year will doubtless be much larger than ever before. The accounts from the grain growing portions of Europe are also favorable, so that bountiful harvests are promised in both the Old and New World. We shall indulge in no speculations as to prices. It is said that the stock of grain now on hand in the principal ports of the country is over ten millions of bushels, a fraction more than was held at the same time last year. England and France will continue to draw largely on us for breadstuffs until their harvests are commenced. The high prices abroad show the scarcity, and it is probable that prices will not materially decline here until the time for harvesting approaches. Such seems to be the general opinion at least. Whether the present prices be maintained or not, the farmer has reason to anticipate remunerative rates for all his products, no matter how extensive the yield may be. Producers should sow as largely as possible, as it will require a succession of favorable crops before that surplus can be accumulated, which is the surest provision against general scarcity in the country.

## Disturbed State of Europe.

The disturbances at Toulouse, Bordeaux and Rennes had been followed up by similar demonstrations against the provisions of the Army Bill at Grenoble. The Government journals describe this last as a very little one. Three hundred young men came down into the streets of Grenoble on the 30th, and in front of the Prefecture of Police, palace of the Mayor, and the College of Jesuits, sang the "Marseillaise," and gave other manifestations of their disapproval of the measures which have lately emanated from the powers that be. It is stated that they dispersed quietly. The Paris papers continue to express great anxiety upon the condition of the health of the Pope.

A letter in the London *Daily Telegraph* draws a very gloomy picture of the scene of the disturbances in Belgium. It says:

> "This rich and splendid country of Charleroi, the centre of the mineral and metallic wealth of Belgium, the source of the prosperity of the whole kingdom, the country which has been the most active in the industrial movement of the last twenty years, and which has been the most regardless of political troubles, is now in a state of the most frightful misery. Thousands of workmen are without employment, and the cessation of labor is complete in every direction. In the midst of this terrible distress, the agitation is kept up by the most violent harangues, and the most inflammatory placards are posted on the walls. Meetings are held every day, and the most incendiary speeches are made. The authorities are powerless to prevent these meetings, and the agitators are masters of the situation. Yesterday, at Charleroi, a meeting was held, at which the most violent speeches were made, and the most inflammatory placards were posted on the walls. The authorities were powerless to prevent the meeting, and the agitators were

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**The Royal Purple.**

The Tyrians were probably the only people of antiquity who made finding their chief source, and the staple of their commerce. The eminence of Tyre seems to have proceeded in a great measure from the sale of its rich and durable purple. It is unanimously asserted by all writers that a Tyrian was the inventor of the purple dye, about 1,500 years B. C., and that the king of Phœnicia was so captivated with the color that he made purple one of the principal ornaments, and that, for many centuries after, Tyrian purple became a badge of royality. As highly prized was this color that in the time of Augustus, a pound of wool dyed with it, cost as much as three hundred denarii, or nearly ten pounds sterling. The Tyrian purple is now generally believed to have been derived from two different kinds of shell fish, described by Pliny under the names purpura and buccinum, and was obtained from a small round bag or sack in their throats in the manner of an ivy berry; not an inferior substance was obtained by crushing the whole substance of the fastness. At first it is of a crimson hue, but by exposure to air and light it assumes successively a clear red, a violet, azure, red, and in the course of forty-eight hours, a brilliant purple tint. If the liquor be evaporated by artificial heat after being extracted, neither time nor heat will destroy its color. These circumstances correspond with the minute description of the manner of making the purple dye that is given in the work of an ancient writer, Rollenius Harmopollus, a native of the Emperor Constantine the Eighth, who lived in the eleventh century. The color is remarkable for its durability. Pollux observes in his life of Alexander, that, at the taking of Susa, the Greeks found, in the Royal Treasury of Darius, a variety of purple cloth, of the value of one thousand talents, which still retained its lustre, though it had been one hundred and fifty years. The color resists the action even of alkalies, and most acids. They state that the Tyrians gave the first ground of their prosperity by the improvement of their native purple, and that it improved or lightened it by the liquor of the murex. In this manner they prepared the double-dyed purple purpura diabaphe, which was so called either because it was imbued in two different hues, or because it was first dyed in the wool and then in the yarn.—*Brief Chronicles.*

**Sing Away Your Grief.**

Henry Ward Beecher gives the following excellent advice:—

We can sing away our cares under that we can never turn them away. The birds are the earliest singing in the morning; the birds are more without care than anything else I know of. Sing in the evening. Singing is the last thing that robins do. When we have been through the daily work—when there have been their last flight, and gained on their last notes of food, and disposed their bills on a couplet of a song, they sing one song more, and that is a song of praise. I know their song-service by it. They thank, minute, for remembrance in the night they breathe in singing, and sleep suddenly after the last note, rustled up their own wings. O, that we might sing evening and morning, and in doing good sing all the way between. As I was descending from the country the other day, between one and two o'clock, hearing a bunch of robins I took a seat that was supposed to be the resort of a quarrel. The contest was not determined all over. The birds had the opinion first, and had the appearance of a man that would not be afraid of work. He was waiting on with a right leg, and singing to himself as he passed down the street, though he had been working the whole day, and nearly the whole week. Were it not that my good daughter always came on time, I should have given him a large assortment of the day. If he had not been out of sight when the fife of a mechanic's song of success by song! Then these things would not poison so much. Sing in the house. Teach your children to sing. Whole families come to grief with singing. Were girls after singing their Rose, Lily the voice of a daughter. Please God by singing; that will lift one above trials of every sort. Attempt it. Every sing in heaven, and among God's people upon earth, sing in appropriate of Christian feeling.


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Loans secured by Collaterals, . . . . . 23,022 50

Premium Notes, . . . . . 23,000 00

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$334,927 62

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The Widening of the Sidewalks on Fifth Street—The Mayor's Second Veto—Opinion of City Attorney Stagle—Ordinance Passed Finally—Clause of Ex-Ward Alley—Report of the Water Committee—Water in Fifth and Sixteenth—Seventh Ward Pipe—Spring Alley Sewer—Gas Lamps on Carroll and Liberty Streets—Bond Ordinance for Fire, Curfew and Alley Committee—Report of the Board Committee—Reference of a Claim—Re-Grading the Commissioners' Office—Appointment of a Committee for that Purpose—Time Session of Councils—Report of Finance Committee—Ordinance for Lamp on Smithfield and Seventh—Independence Engine House—Arsenal Clock at Water Works, &c., &c.

A special meeting of City Councils was held on Tuesday afternoon, April 14.

### SELECT COUNCIL.

JAMES McCLURE, President pro tem.
E. S. MORRISON, Clerk.

The Roll was called on roll, when the following members were present: Messrs. W. L. Brown, A. W. Brown, Contractor, Coulter, Coyle, Dickson, Gallagher, Gross, Jones, Lattimer, Marcus, McClelland, McClure, Morrison, Mellon, Lafferty, Ross, Shipton, Wainwright, McAuley, President.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

THE WATER LOAN BONDS.

The PRESIDENT stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the Water Committee, to reconcile the difference of opinion between the two branches, on the resolution in regard to the Water Loan Bonds. He read the original resolution, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Water Committee be authorized to issue certificates of loan, to the amount of $——, for the purpose of paying for the improvements in the Water Works, as recommended in the report of the Water Committee, of the 6th inst., and that the Mayor be authorized to issue bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to authorize the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh to issue Water Loan Bonds," and authorized to be issued by ordinance of Councils, passed on the 6th day of April, 1868, to certify the said amount, in their own names.

In Common Council, April 6th, the above resolution was referred to the Water Committee, who reported back the same day, with the following amendment:

*Provided, however*, nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the issuing of certificates of loan, or bonds, for the purpose of paying for the Water Connections.

The Common Council refused to concur in the amendment, and adhered to their former action.

The question now came up, Shall the Select Council recede from, adhere to, or concur with the Common Council, or shall they adhere to their action, and ask a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Mr. R. R. BROWN moved that the Select Council adhere to their former action, which was agreed to.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WATER COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. R. BROWN then read the following special report of the Water Committee, on the same subject:

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, your Committee on Water, to whom was referred the resolution of the Select Council, authorizing the issuing of certificates of loan, to the amount of $——, for the purpose of paying for the improvements in the Water Works, as recommended in the report of the Water Committee, of the 6th inst., and that the Mayor be authorized to issue bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to authorize the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh to issue Water Loan Bonds," and authorized to be issued by ordinance of Councils, passed on the 6th day of April, 1868, to certify the said amount, in their own names, and the Water Committee are hereby empowered to certify for said payments in the name aforesaid.

Mr. MORROW called for the re-reading of the first part of the report, which, having been done, he moved that the Select Council do accede to said particular clause. He argued that this matter should be left discretionary with the committee.

The PRESIDENT stated that Councils were inadvertently "out of order," as they were discussing a proposition to amend a report, which could not be done. The report had merely been accepted, and the question should be taken upon the adoption of the report. This called forth a further discussion on the matter.

Mr. W. R. BROWN then moved the adoption of the report, with the accompanying resolution, which motion prevailed.

MR. DICKSON'S RESIGNATION.

The PRESIDENT then read the following:

PITTSBURGH, April 13, 1868.

*To the Members of the Select and Common Councils:*

GENTLEMEN: The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution providing for an increase of pay, desire to report that after careful investigation of the matter, they are unanimously of opinion that it would be unadvised to authorize the passage of the resolution referred to them, and therefore recommend that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES McCLURE, Chair. of Finance Com.

The report was accepted and laid over.

THE MAYOR'S VETO.

The opinion of the City Solicitor having been read, as to the legality of the Mayor's veto of the ordinance increasing the width of sidewalks on Fifth street,

The PRESIDENT stated that, under the opinion of the Solicitor, the ordinance would still be before Councils.

Mr. GROSS read from the Record the action of the Select Council, reconsidering the ordinance, under the Mayor's veto, and the failure to pass the ordinance notwithstanding the veto.

Mr. A. W. BROWN held that the action of Select Council, in reconsidering the ordinance, was null, in consequence of the illegality of the vote.

Mr. SHIPTON, in this view of the case, then offered the following:

*Be it ordained, &c.*, That the ordinance entitled an ordinance for increasing the width of the sidewalks on Fifth street, from Smithfield to Market street, approved April 10th, 1868, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the original ordinance was now on record, and, consequently, the failure to pass it would accomplish the same object as to pass the repealing ordinance.

Mr. W. R. BROWN held that the record in relation was merely for the purpose of showing the vote of the Mayor, and that such reconsideration could not and did not affect the legality or validity of the original ordinance, which was passed finally and fully. The gentleman then examined the question at considerable length.

Mr. MOASLEY (Mr. Jones in the Chair) read from the Record, to show that the ordinance had been finally concluded; and, a motion to pass the ordinance over the veto having failed, the ordinance was now in existence, and in full force. It was not before the Council, consequently, to be disposed of as they might see proper.

Mr. MORROW said that, as he understood the matter, the ordinance was now before Councils.

The question was then called on Mr. SHIPTON'S ordinance to repeal.

Mr. A. W. BROWN asked leave, before the vote was taken, to present the following petitions on the subject:

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of Pittsburgh:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned property holders, on the line of Fifth street, from Smithfield to Market street, would respectfully petition your honorable bodies to repeal the ordinance passed by your honorable bodies on the 10th inst., increasing the width of the sidewalks on Fifth street, from Smithfield to Market street, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c. Signed by a majority of the property holders on said line of street.

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GENTLEMEN—The undersigned property holders, on the line of Fifth street, from Smithfield to Market street, would respectfully petition your honorable bodies to repeal the ordinance passed by your honorable bodies on the 10th inst., increasing the width of the sidewalks on Fifth street, from Smithfield to Market street, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c. Signed by a majority of the property holders on said line of street.

Mr. A. W. BROWN moved that the petitions be received and read.

Mr. GROSS said that one of the signatures to the petitions was that of a member of the Select Council on the report of the Water Committee, Capitol.

Mr. HERRON presented the following petition:

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:*

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned citizens of the Seventh ward, and the property immediately in the vicinity of the same, would respectfully request your honorable bodies to have a pipe laid from the Allegheny river, on Penn street, to the intersection of Penn and Highland streets, and your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by a majority of the property holders on said line of street.

Referred to Water Committee. Select Council concurred.

WATER IN OAKLAND SCHOOL.

Mr. GERNER presented the following petition:

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:*

The undersigned citizens residing or doing business in the vicinity of the Oakland School House, on the east of Fifth ward, which is situated between Craig street, between the proposed extension of Fifth street, and Craig street, would respectfully petition your honorable bodies to direct the Water Committee to have a pipe laid from the Forbes street main, through Craig street, to the Oakland School House, and your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by a majority of the property holders on said line of street.

Referred to the Water Committee. Select Council concurred.

BRANCH WATER PIPES.

Mr. FITZSIMMONS offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Water Committee, with a leaving their main pipes, be instructed to put in branch pipes, from the main pipes to the curb stone, in front of the following named lots on the branch streets, and that the Committee be authorized to make the necessary contracts for the same, and report the same to Councils for their approval:

Referred to the Water Committee. Select Council concurred.

GAS LAMPS IN FIFTH WARD.

Mr. HEMPHILL presented the following petition:

*To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:*

The citizens of the Fifth ward petition for the erection of a gas lamp on the corner of Fifth and Ross streets, and on the corner of Cass street and Duquesne way, and your petitioners will ever pray. Signed by a majority of the property holders on said line of street.

Referred to the Gas Committee. Select Council concurred.

REFERENCE OF A CLAIM.

The PRESIDENT presented from the Street Committee a bill of claims by Peter Wetzel & Co., with a request that it be referred to the Committee on Claims. So referred. Select Council concurred.

Mr. REDMAN moved that the Council do now adjourn.

AN OBSTRUCTING TREE CITY.

Mr. BATCHELOR hoped that before the Council adjourned, some light might be thrown upon the matter of re-directing the consolidated city lines wards as provided for by the act of Assembly.

Mr. HERRON said that he was preparing a resolution covering that subject and which he would be glad to offer at the present meeting.

Mr. REDMAN withdrew his motion to adjourn.

Mr. HERRON then offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a Committee to consist of seven members of the Select Council and two members of the Common Council, to be hereby appointed for the purpose of drafting the ordinance for the re-districting of the city into wards, and that the Committee be instructed to report at their earliest convenience.

Mr. BATCHELOR moved to amend by striking out the words "seven members of the Select Council and two members of the Common Council," and inserting in their stead the words "nine members of the Select Council and three members of the Common Council," which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. REDMAN moved to amend by striking out the words "to report at their earliest convenience," and inserting in their stead the words "to report at the next meeting of Councils," which amendment was agreed to.

The resolution was adopted. Select Council concurred.

Mr. REDMAN renewed his motion to adjourn. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned until the last Monday in April, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

### JOINT SESSION.

In obedience to a resolution introduced by Mr. Darby, of the Common Council, and adopted by both branches of the City Councils, a joint session was held for the election of a Board Measurer for Collins township.

The Councils met in the Select Council, occupied the chair, and stated the object of the meeting.

Mr. DAVIS, of Common Council, moved that Mr. William Morrison be unanimously elected Board Measurer for Collins township. Adopted.

Mr. GIBSON, of Select Council, that Moses Harris be elected Board Measurer for Liberty township, and offered a resolution creating that office.

The resolution was adopted and Mr. Harris elected unanimously.

Mr. BRETTON, of Select Council, offered a resolution authorizing the election of a Board Measurer for Pitt township and nominated David McClelland to that office.

The resolution was adopted and Mr. McClelland unanimously elected.

Adjourned.

## East Birmingham Councils—Regular Meeting.

The Councils of the borough of East Birmingham held a regular monthly meeting, on the hall of the Walton Bone Company, on Sarah street, on Tuesday evening, April 14th, 1868.

Councils came to order at half past seven o'clock. The Clerk called the roll when the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Beck, Waldron, Feist, Sullivan, Bennett and Ferdi.

Burgess Scanlon occupied the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mr. Beck, from the Committee on Salaries, stated that the committee had not had sufficient time to confer with the borough officers. The committee would therefore ask for further time. Mr. Feist (the other member of the committee) concurred.

Mr. Ferdi, from the Committee on Bonds, reported that the bonds were all right and correct. Mr. Feist (the other member of the committee) concurred.

Mr. Waldron, Chairman of the Committee appointed on the subject of the opening of Carson, to connect with the property owners near the corner of Sarah and Carson streets, reported that they had had a meeting of the property holders, and that they had instructed and agreed to pay one-half of the expenses of the opening of Carson street, from Sarah to the end of the point at that point, reported that they